

RE-DISS II Consultation on selected options for implementation of "front side" disclosure aspects

Explanations on the RE-DISS consultation package

10 04 2014

The RE-DISS projects, and more specifically the RE-DISS Best Practice Recommendations document, have focussed particularly on tracking of information and therefore the definition of which figures should be disclosed ("back side" of disclosure). But this is only one part of the question how consumers can be informed about their electricity fuel mix. Therefore RE-DISS II also has committed to develop guidelines which will focus on the "HOW" to disclose fuel mix data (the "front side" of disclosure).

In order to be able to take views, preferences and experiences of electricity stakeholders into account, the RE-DISS team is asking for input in an open consultation phase. For this purpose, please find attached two documents:

1. In the **background document** we are describing different options for implementing selected disclosure aspects, mostly based on real case examples from European countries. This should be understood as illustration of different possibilities which are considered interesting by the RE-DISS team, but it shall be stressed that these should not be understood as recommendations by the RE-DISS team for such an approach for the time being. The topics covered by this document have not been selected in order to cover all fundamental (or also most relevant) issues, but several aspects which are not clearly defined by the IEM Directive, and for which the diverging implementation around European countries or existing discussion lines suggested the value of comprehensive best practice recommendations focussing on front side disclosure. We hope that this also is of interest for the respondents in order to learn more about the variety of possible approaches to disclosure. For each selected aspect, also one slide is given where we ask questions.
2. The separate **Excel questionnaire** should be filled out with your answers. The questionnaire might look long at first sight, but it contains multiple choice questions in most cases, which should make it pretty easy to provide responses. If you are particularly interested in only individual aspects, of course we would be happy to receive your response also only on those aspects. The Excel questionnaire provides cross references to numbers of slides and of the individual questions within the background document, so you can go through the two documents simultaneously. In some cases this will be helpful in order to fully understand the questions in the Excel questionnaire by seeing a "real case example" next to it in the background document.

We kindly ask you to provide any response you might want to make by **7th May 2014** via e-mail to **Dominik Seebach, Öko-Institut (d.seebach@oeko.de)**.



Based on earlier work of RE-DISS and other projects, and particularly based on your feedback, the RE-DISS project team will elaborate **two different sets of disclosure guidelines**:

1. Guidelines for competent bodies on how to implement and supervise disclosure regulations (fully focussing on the “front side” aspect of disclosure, as the “back side” is covered by the RE-DISS Best Practice Recommendations document)
2. Guidelines for electricity suppliers on how to disclose their fuel mix in an ideal case (taking into account that national regulations might differ between countries); this document will also include some guidelines on the tracking part, which will be in line with RE-DISS Best Practice Recommendations for competent bodies.

Please note that such guidelines should refer to all relevant front side disclosure aspects, and not only include the selected “unclear” aspects which are covered by the attached background document and the Excel questionnaire. You still will get the opportunity to comment on the draft disclosure guidelines once this draft will be published in Summer 2014.

Our timeplan for the further work is as follows:

- 7th May 2014: closing date for initial consultation
- June 2014: first draft for disclosure guidelines by the RE-DISS project team
- Commenting by Competent Bodies by writing or during the Domain Workshop (24/25 June 2014, Brussels)
- Commenting by other stakeholders in writing
- Publication of final guidelines in Summer 2014
- Presentation and discussion of final guidelines for market stakeholders in a workshop or webinar planned for September 2014

In case of any questions related to this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Dominik Seebach

RE-DISS II Project Coordinator